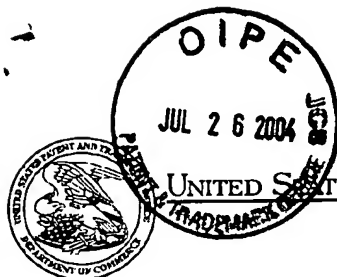


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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2004, wherein the Examiner has
requested more formal drawings for the subject application, formal drawings are enclosed
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